WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Development of civil aviation in Uttar Pradesh

†2814. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects sanctioned for development of civil aviation in Uttar Pradesh during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) the projects on which work has been initiated and whether the work is proceeding as per schedule; and

(c) if not, the steps taken and those proposed to be taken for timely completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Details of the projects sanctioned for development of civil aviaiton at the airports in Uttar Pradesh during the Tenth Five Year Plan, their status and the steps taken for timely completion are as under:

LUCKNOW-Work of strengthening and extension of runway to 9000 feet for wide-bodied aircraft operation, resurfacing of taxiway, extension of apron, construction of apron and associated works have been completed. Preliminary action has been initiated for expansion of terminal building complex and installation of passenger boarding bridge. Further, 60 per cent of the work has been completed and is running behind schedule for construction of technical block-cum-control tower. The agency is being constantly pursued for early completion. Planning process for seting up a new international terminal has also commenced.

VARANASI-Strengthening of runway and associated works has been completed. Work was planned for extension of runway upto 9000 feet but could not be taken up due to non-diversion of road by the State Government. Preliminary action has been initiated for construction of new terminal building complex and associated facilities. Work would be taken up after diversion of road. State Government is being regularly pursued for diversion of road to take up the development works.

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